

AMSAT Weekly Satellite Report

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Part 1 - operational analog amateur satellites.

Part 2 - operational digital amateur satellites.

Part 3 - semi-operational and non-operational amateur satellites.

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WEEKLY SATELLITE REPORT PART 1

AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 012.S1 FROM AMSAT HQ

SILVER SPRING, MD, JANUARY 12, 2003

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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Phase 3D / AMSAT OSCAR 40 / AO-40

Launched: November 16, 2000 aboard an Ariane 5 launcher
from Kourou, French Guiana.Status: Currently, the U/V/L-1/L-2 to S-2/K passband is active
at various times.

Uplink V-band 145.840 - 145.990 MHz CW/LSB

U-band 435.550 - 435.800 MHz CW/LSB

L1-band 1269.250 - 1269.500 MHz CW/LSB

L2-band 1268.325 - 1268.575 MHz CW/LSB

Downlink: S-band 2401.225 - 2401.475 MHz CW/USB

K-band 24,048.010 - 24,048.060 MHz CW/USB

AO-40 experimental transponder operation started on May 05, 2001 at
approximately 08:00 UTC when the U-band and L1-band uplinks were
connected to the S-2 transmitter passband downlink via the Matrix
switch.

The passband times have been extended to MA 40 to 210.

ALON/ALAT is nominally 0/0 with station keeping.

RUDAK will be on for 72 minutes (16 MA units) from MA 110 to 126 on
selected orbits over RUDAK command stations. Note that the middle
beacon and passbands will be off during RUDAK sessions.

The beacon is also off during perigee eclipse periods. Currently,
MA 244 to 2.

K-TX is active from MA 126 to 132. Beacon reception via 24 GHz K Band
has been reported by Victor, OE1VKW - Mike, N1JEZ and Masaji, JH1AOY.

Wednesday V-Rx sessions are terminated at this time.

KX4Y will call the next session of the AMSAT net at 0200z 18jan03.

Beacon+20, up 5 and 5 if that one is busy...

Reinhard Sual,YB0KTQ announces the first "AO-40 QSO Party" scheduled
to take place on January 24-25, 2003. The objective is to encourage
more amateurs to enjoy AO-40, especially when conditions are good.

Information on the "AO-40 QSO Party" is available at:

<http://202.158.39.236/A040QSOParty2003.asp>

Gene, W3PM has an Excel spreadsheet that will help evaluate your

AO-40 groundstation. Download it at:

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat/ftp/software/spreadsheet/w3pm-ao40-v2.1.zip>

Scott, NX7U has a program that automatically calculates Uplink S/N

against a supplied Nova for Windows orbital listing. Download it at:
http://members.cox.net/nx7u/ao40/ao40v20_AutoSNR.zip

The "A0-40 FAQ", compiled by Steve, VK5ASF is now available at:
<http://www.amsat.org>

Ground stations capturing telemetry from A0-40 are asked to send a copy of the data to the A0-40 archive at: ao40-archive@amsat.org.

For the current transponder-operating schedule visit:
<http://www.amsat-dl.org/journal/adlj-p3d.htm>

[ANS thanks AMSAT-NA and AMSAT-DL for this information]

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INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION/ARISS

Worldwide packet uplink: 145.990 MHz FM
Region 1 voice uplink: 145.200 MHz FM
Region 2/3 voice uplink: 144.490 MHz FM
Worldwide downlink: 145.800 MHz FM
TNC callsign: RS0ISS

The ARISS initial station was launched September 2000 aboard shuttle Atlantis. ARISS is made up of delegates from several major national Amateur Radio organizations, including AMSAT.
Status: Operational.

The current Expedition 6 crew is:
Commander Ken Bowersox, KD5JBP
Flight Engineer Nikolai Budarin, RV3FB
NASA ISS Science Officer Don Pettit, KD5MDT

Don Petit, KD5MDT has been active on voice.

ARISS International Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, has requested that amateurs refrain from sending e-mail to the ISS crew via the onboard RS0ISS Personal Message System (PMS). "The crew is not answering the e-mail, and we really don't expect them to. If things change, we'll let you know."

Alain, IZ6BYY and Claudio, IK1SLD wish to announce the opening of the ISS Fan Club. Visit: <http://www.issfanclub.com>

The ISS Fan Club announces the introduction of the "ISS Achievement Award". Visit: <http://www.issfanclub.com/iaa>

Information on how to access the Amateur Radio equipment aboard the ISS is available at:
<http://www.marex-na.org/fileshtml/unprotopage.html>

The ISS daily crew schedule can be found at:
<http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/timelines/>
When crew members have free time, they may be available for Amateur Radio operations.

U.S. callsign: NA1SS
Russian callsigns: RS0ISS, RZ3DZR

The QSL routes for W/VE stations working the International Space Station (all callsigns):

U.S. stations (a SASE is required to get a QSL in return):
Margie Bourgoin, KB1DC0
Attn: ARISS Expedition-1 (or 2, 3, etc.) QSL
ARRL, 225 Main Street

Newington, Connecticut 06111

Canadian stations:

Radio Amateurs of Canada

Attn: ARISS Expedition-1 (or 2, 3, etc.) QSL

720 Belfast Road, Suite 217

Ottawa, Ontario KEG 0Z5

European stations (a SASE and 2 IRC's are required to get a QSL in return).

AMSAT-France

14 bis, rue des Gourlis

92500 Rueil Malmaison

France

More information is available at: <http://ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

[ANS thanks Will Marchant, KC6ROL, and Jean-Louis Rault, F6AGR, for this information]

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AMSAT OSCAR 7 A0-7

Uplink: 145.850 to 145.950 MHz CW/USB Mode A

432.125 to 432.175 MHz CW/LSB Mode B

Downlink: 29.400 to 29.500 MHz CW/USB Mode A

145.975 to 145.925 MHz CW/USB Mode B

Beacon: 29.502 MHz, 145.972 MHz, 435.1 MHz, 2304.1 MHz

Launched: November 15, 1974 by a Delta 2310 from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, California. Status: Semi-operational in sunlight.

After being declared dead 21 years ago in mid 1981 due to battery failure, A0-7 has miraculously sprung back to life and was first detected by Pat Gowen, G3IOR on June 21, 2002 at 1728 UTC. Jan King, W3GEY reports A0-7 is running off the solar panels only. It will only be on when in sunlight and off in eclipse. Therefore, A0-7 will reset each orbit and may not turn on each time.

On July 11, 2002 A0-7 was successfully commanded for the first time since it was declared dead 21 years ago. Commands were sent and accepted to change the CW beacon code speed.

Command investigation continues. So far, 11 different commands have been accepted by A0-7.

Yoshi Imaishi, JF6BCC is compiling an excellent list of observations.

Please send him whatever you have. jf6bcc@jarl.com

You can view the list at:

<http://plaza16.mbn.or.jp/~palau/temp/A07-mode-report.xls>

Tim, K3TZ has written a program to decode A0-07 telemetry.

The program can be downloaded at:

http://www.qsl.net/k3tz/files/K3TZ_A0-07_Telemetry_Decoder_0.5.zip

For more A0-7 info: <http://www.amsat.org/amsat/sats/n7hpr/ao7.html>

[ANS thanks Pat Gowen, G3IOR and Jan King, W3GEY for this information]

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OSCAR 10 A0-10

Uplink: 435.030 to 435.180 MHz CW/LSB

Downlink: 145.975 to 145.825 MHz CW/USB

Beacon: 145.810 MHz (unmodulated carrier)

Launched: June 16, 1983 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou, French Guiana. Status: Semi-operational.

A0-10 has been locked into a Mode-B, 70-cm uplink and

2-meter downlink for several years.

W4SM has more information about the satellite at the following URL:
<http://www.cstone.net/~w4sm/A0-10.html>

[ANS thanks Stacey Mills, W4SM, for his A0-10 status information and web site]

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U0-14

Uplink: 145.975 MHz FM

Downlink: 435.070 MHz FM

Launched: January 22, 1990 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou, French Guiana. Status: Operational, mode J.

Tim, KG80C, features U0-14 information on the Michigan AMSAT web site:

<http://www.qsl.net/kg8oc>

Ray, W2RS, has revised the A0-27 FAQ on < www.amsat.org > to include information on U0-14.

[ANS thanks Chris Jackson, G7UPN/ZL2TP0, for U0-14 information]

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RADIO SPORT RS-15

Uplink: 145.858 to 145.898 MHz CW/USB

Downlink: 29.354 to 29.394 MHz CW/USB

Beacon: 29.352 MHz (intermittent)

SSB meeting frequency: 29.380 MHz (unofficial)

Launched: December 26, 1994 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome

Status: Semi-operational, mode-A, using a 2-meter uplink and a 10-meter downlink.

Dave, WB6LL0, has operating information for both RS-15 on his web site. In addition to satellite data, antenna information for mode-A operation is also featured. The WB6LL0 web site URL is:
<http://home.san.rr.com/doguimont/uploads>

[ANS thanks Dave Guimont, WB6LL0, for this information]

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JAS-1b F0-20

Uplink: 145.90 to 146.00 MHz CW/LSB

Downlink: 435.80 to 435.90 MHz CW/USB

Beacon: 435.795

Launched: February 07, 1990 by an H1 launcher from the Tanegashima Space Center in Japan.

Status: Operational. F0-20 is in mode JA continuously.

Tak, JA2PKI, reported F0-20 control station operators believe that the UVC (Under Voltage Controller) is now regulating the transponder. The controller monitors battery voltage and tries to protect the batteries from over discharge.

[ANS thanks Kazu Sakamoto, JJ1WTK, for the F0-20 status reports]

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RS-20

Beacon: 145.828, 435.319 MHz

Launched: November 28, 2002 aboard a Kosmos 3-M rocket from Plesetsk.

Status: Telemetry heard on the 70 cm beacon.

RS-20 is an experimental payload aboard the Russian satellite known as Mozhayets -- a navigational and scientific satellite. RS-20 transmits CW telemetry. Each frame begins and ends with the call sign RS-20.

Table for decoding telemetry is as follows:

Name	Limits	Decoding	Assignment
RS 20			The callsign
UBS	N=100:170	U=N / 10 Volts	On board voltage
IBS	N=10:250	I=N / 100 Amperes	On board current
USUN	N=0:180	U=N / 10 Volts	Charge voltage from solar battery
ISUN	N=0:180	I=N / 100 Amperes	Charge current from solar battery
ITXA	N=0:170	I=N / 100 Amperes	D.C. current of the 435 MHz Tx
PTXA	N=0:70	P=N / 10 Watts	UHF power of the 435 MHz Tx
TTXA	N=50:190	T=N - 100 deg C	Temperature of the 435 MHz Tx
ITXB	N=0:150	I=N / 100 Amperes	D.C. current of the 145MHz Tx
PTXB	N=0:70	P=N / 10 Watts	VHF power of the 145MHz Tx
TTXB	N=50:190	T=N - 100 deg C	Temperature of the 145MHz Tx
TEXT	N=30:250	T=N - 100 deg C	Temperature of the outer case
TINT	N=30:190	T=N - 100 deg C	Temperature of the inner case
TOR	N=10:250	T=N - 100 deg C	Temperature of the Earth sensor
UOR	N=0:100	U=N / 10 Volts	Temperature of the Sun sensor
MTX	N=0:255	Table of operational modes. The housekeeping info.	
MRX	N=0:255	Table of operational modes. The housekeeping info.	
RS 20			The callsign

Please send reception reports to:
 plis@kaluga.ru or zaitzev@izmiran.rssi.ru

[ANS thanks Alexander N. Zaitzev, RW3DZ for this information]

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AMRAD A0-27

Uplink: 145.850 MHz FM

Downlink: 436.795 MHz FM

Launched: September 26, 1993 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou, French Guiana. Status: Semi-operational, mode J.

Jan 7th, 2003

A0-27 is not running the TEPR states. All data from the satellite shows that it is not entering an eclipse. This is causing the software to remain in TEPR 6. Until we get this worked out, A0-27 will only be turned on by ground station command and will have to remain in Digital mode. The good news to all this is that the batteries seem fully charged.

The latest information on A0-27 from control operator Michael Wyrick, N3UC (former N4USI), can be found at:
<http://www.ao27.org>

An A0-27 question-and-answer page is available on the AMSAT-NA web site, with updates by Ray, W2RS. The URL is:
<http://www.amsat.org/amsat/intro/ao27faq.html>

[ANS thanks AMRAD for A0-27 information]

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JAS-2 F0-29

Launched: August 17, 1996, by an H-2 launcher from the Tanegashima Space Center in Japan. Status: Operational.

Voice/CW Mode JA

Uplink: 145.90 to 146.00 MHz CW/LSB

Downlink: 435.80 to 435.90 MHz CW/USB

Beacon: 435.795 MHz

Digital Mode JD

Uplink: 145.850 145.870 145.910 MHz FM

Downlink: 435.910 MHz 1200-baud BPSK or 9600-baud FSK

Callsign: 8J1JCS

Digitaltalker: 435.910 MHz

Mineo, JE9PEL, has an F0-29 satellite telemetry analysis program that will automatically analyze all digital telemetry from the satellite (such as current, voltage and temperature). F029CWTE is available at: <http://www.ne.jp/asahi/hamradio/je9pel/>

[ANS thanks Kazu Sakamoto, JJ1WTK, for the F0-29 status reports]

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S0-41 SAUDISAT-1A

Uplink: 145.850 MHz

Downlink: 436.775 MHz

Broadcast Callsign: SASAT1-11

BBS: SASAT1-12

Launched: September 26, 2000 aboard a converted Soviet ballistic missile from the Baikonur Cosmodrome.

Status: Operational but intermittent.

The spacecraft is operating in Mode-J, currently configured as an analog FM voice repeater, as power and spacecraft experiments permit.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.amsat.org/amsat/sats/n7hpr/so41.html>

[ANS thanks Turki Al-Saud for this information]

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S0-50 SAUDISAT-1C

Uplink: 145.850 MHz (67.0 Hz PL tone)

Downlink: 436.775 MHz

Launched: December 20, 2002 aboard a converted Soviet ballistic missile from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Status: Operational.

SaudiSat-1C carries several experiments, including a new mode J FM amateur repeater experiment operating on 145.850 MHz uplink and 436.800 MHz downlink.

The repeater is available to amateurs worldwide as power permits, using a 67.0

Hertz tone on the uplink, for on-demand activation.

[ANS thanks Turki Al-Saud for this information]

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WEEKLY SATELLITE REPORT PART 2

AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 012.S2 FROM AMSAT HQ

SILVER SPRING, MD, JANUARY 12, 2003

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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OSCAR-11

Downlink: 145.826 MHz FM (1200-baud AFSK)

Mode-S Beacon: 2401.500 MHz

Launched: March 1, 1984 by a Delta-Thor rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. Status: Semi-operational.

OSCAR-11 is currently operating in a default mode, controlled by the watch-dog timer. The satellite transmits continuous ASCII telemetry for about seven days on 145.826 MHz, followed by about 14 days of silence. The mode-S beacon on 2401.500 MHz is ON continuously.

At the present time, ground control are unable to command the satellite, due to low temperatures affecting the command decoder. They will attempt to command the satellite when the command decoder

temperature has risen to 15C.

The following operating schedule is currently suspended.

ASCII status (210 seconds)
ASCII bulletin (60 seconds)
BINARY SEU (30 seconds)
ASCII TLM (90 seconds)
ASCII WOD (120 seconds)
ASCII bulletin (60 seconds)
BINARY ENG (30 seconds)

The ASCII bulletin is currently a static message, detailing modes and frequencies of all active Amateur Radio satellites.

More information on OSCAR-11 is available at the following URL:
<http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/clivew/>

[ANS thanks Clive Wallis, G3CWV, for OSCAR-11 status information]

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PACSAT A0-16

Uplink: 145.90 145.92 145.94 145.96 MHz FM
(using 1200-baud Manchester FSK)
Downlink: 437.026 MHz SSB (1200-baud PSK)
Mode-S Beacon: 2401.1428 MHz
Broadcast Callsign: PACSAT-11
BBS: PACSAT-12
Launched: January 22, 1990 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou,
French Guiana. Status: Semi-operational, the digipeater command is on.

A WOD collection of current graphics along with general information
and telemetry samples can be found at:
www.telecable.es/personales/ea1bcu

[ANS thanks Miguel Menendez, EA1BCU, for A0-16 status information]

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UOSAT U0-22

Uplink: 145.900 FM 9600-baud FSK
Downlink: 435.120 MHz FM
Broadcast Callsign: UOSAT5-11
BBS: UOSAT5-12
Launched: July 17, 1991 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou,
French Guiana. Status: Operational.

Several have reported not hearing U0-22.

On November 21, 2002 Chris Jackson, G7UPN reported:

U0-22 is operating OK at the moment. Some new software has been loaded to try and keep the downlink operating most of the time. It seems that after around 60000 charge/discharge cycles the Nicad batteries are starting to show their age!

The downlink will be switched off from time to time over certain parts of the globe. This is required to allow the attitude control system to operate correctly since the power system cannot supply enough power to support both the transmitter and the magnetorquers.

More information on the satellite is available at the following URL:
<http://www.sstl.co.uk/>

[ANS thanks Chris Jackson, G7UPN/ZL2TP0, for U0-22 information
and Jim Weisenberger, AA7KC, for status information]

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ITAMSAT IO-26

Uplink: 145.875 145.900 145.925 145.950 MHz
FM (1200-baud)

Downlink: 435.812 MHz SSB

Broadcast Callsign: ITMSAT-11

BBS: ITMSAT-12

Launched: September 26, 1993 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou, French Guiana. Status: Semi-operational, the digipeater function is on and open for APRS users.

On November 18, 2002 Alberto, IK2BD reported:

The current configuration of IO-26 allows only limited telemetry in MBL (safe) mode. To enable full telemetry and digipeating, we must re-load the full IHT high level software suite. This was delayed several times, but we plan to do that in the near future. When the IHT code is running, the bulletin will announce that.

[ANS thanks ITAMSAT Project Manager Alberto E. Zagni, I2KBD, for IO-26 information]

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PCSAT NO-44

Uplink/downlink: 145.827 MHz 1200 baud AX-25 AFSK via W3ADO-1

Aux/Uplink: 435.250 MHz 9600 baud via PCSAT-2 (off)

APRS Downlink: 144.390 MHz (Region 2)

Launched: September 30, 2001 aboard an Athena-1 rocket from the Kodiak, Alaska launch complex. Status: Operational.

PCSat is a 1200-baud APRS digipeater designed for use by stations using hand-held or mobile transceivers. Downlinks feed a central web site < <http://pcsat.aprs.org> >. The APRS-equipped PCSat was built by midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy under the guidance of Bob Bruninga, WB4APR.

A new version of PCSAT.EXE has been posted at:
<ftp://tapr.org/dosstuff/APRSdos/pcsat017.zip>

For more information, visit the PCSat web site at:
<http://web.usna.navy.mil/~bruninga/pcsat.html>

[ANS thanks Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, for PCSat information]

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TIUNGSAT-1 MO-46

Uplink: 145.850 or 145.925 MHz 9600-baud FSK

Downlink: 437.325 MHz

Broadcast callsign: MYSAT3-11

BBS: MYSAT3-12

Launched: September 26, 2000 aboard a converted Soviet ballistic missile from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Status: Operational at 38k4-baud FSK.

TiungSat-1 is Malaysia's first micro-satellite and in addition to commercial land and weather imaging payloads offers FM and FSK Amateur Radio communication.

TiungSat-1, named after the mynah bird of Malaysia, was developed as a collaborative effort between the Malaysian government and Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd.

[ANS thanks Chris Jackson, G7UPN/ZL2TP0, for this information]

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AO-49 RUBIN-2 (SAFIR-M)

Uplink 435.275 1200-baud AX.25

Downlink 145.825 9600-baud AX.25
(optional voice message)

Broadcast callsign: DP0AIS

Launched: December 20, 2002 aboard a converted Soviet ballistic missile from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Status: Operational.

"SAFIR-M" is a German amateur radio payload onboard the small German scientific satellite "RUBIN-2".

SAFIR-M was built by the German amateur radio association "AATiS e.V." (German acronym for "Arbeitskreis Amateurfunk und Telekommunikation in der Schule", which means: 'working group for amateur radio and telecommunications in schools'). SAFIR-M is designed as a "store and broadcast" system for APRS based messages, dedicated for the use of schools in combination with the existing WX-Net and planned buoy experiments in Germany.

Martin DG8UAU has written a small software program "SAFIR-M Decoder" to allow decoding of the received DATA0 frames. It is available at: <http://amend.gmxhome.de> in the section Aktuelles.

Details on SAFIR-M can be found at:

<http://amend.gmxhome.de>

Information about AATiS e.V. is available at:

<http://www.aatis.de>

[ANS thanks Oliver Amend, DG6BCE for this information]

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WEEKLY SATELLITE REPORT PART 3

AMSAT NEWS SERVICE BULLETIN 012.S3 FROM AMSAT HQ
SILVER SPRING, MD, JANUARY 12, 2003
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS
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THE FOLLOWING ARE IN ORBIT BUT ARE
SEMI-OPERATIONAL AT THIS TIME:

LUSAT L0-19

Uplink: 145.84 145.86 145.88 145.90 MHz FM
(using 1200-baud Manchester FSK)

CW downlink: 437.125 MHz

Digital downlink: 437.150 MHz SSB (RC-BPSK 1200-baud PSK)

Broadcast Callsign: LUSAT-11

BBS: LUSAT-12

Launched: January 22, 1990 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou, French Guiana. Status: Beacon only. The CW beacon is sending eight telemetry channels and one status channel on 437.126 MHz. No BBS service is available. The digipeater is not active.

General information and telemetry samples can be found at:
www.telecable.es/personales/ea1bcu

[ANS thanks Miguel Menendez, EA1BCU, for L0-19 status information]

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TECHSAT-1B G0-32

Downlink: 435.225 MHz FM (9600-baud FSK)
(435.325 n/a - temperature problems)

Uplinks: 145.850, 145.890, 145.930 FM
1269.700, 1269.800, 1269.900 FM

Broadcast Callsign: 4XTECH-11

BBS Callsign: 4XTECH-12
Launched: July 10, 1998 by a Russian Zenit rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Status: Semi-operational.

As of October 22, 2002 the BBS is running and partially operational. There is a 2 PB User limit. System beacon every 30 seconds. Downlink output power has been reduced to 1 watt.

WinTelem v1.0 - TechSat's Telemetry decoding software is now available for amateur use.

For more info check: <http://www.iarc.org/techsat/>

[ANS thanks Tidhar Teucher, 4Z5CA, and Shlomo Menuhin, 4X1AS for G0-32 status information]

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SEDSAT-1 S0-33

Downlink: 437.910 MHz FM (9600-baud FSK)
Launched: October 24, 1998 by a Delta 2 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Status: Semi-operational.

The satellite is not currently available for uplink transmissions and the image and transponder recovery efforts have been unsuccessful.

S0-33 is now transmitting only a TIME STAMP, and the other KISS data seems to be invalid.

SedSat-1 signifies Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (satellite number one).

SedSat-1 has downlinked months worth of telemetry data on the performance of its electrical power system parameters. The Nickel Metal Hydride batteries on the spacecraft were experimental and experienced some abuse due to a power negative situation. This situation has provided NASA with useful information. With the exception of the imaging system and the use of the transponders, SedSat-1 has been judged a success.

For more information on SedSat-1 visit the satellite web site:
<http://seds.uah.edu/projects/sedsat/sedsat.htm>

[ANS has no further information]

THE FOLLOWING ARE IN ORBIT BUT ARE
NON-OPERATIONAL AT THIS TIME:

RADIO SPORT RS-12

Uplink: 21.210 to 21.250 MHz CW/USB
Downlink: 29.410 to 29.450 MHz CW/USB
Beacon: 29.408 MHz
Robot: 29.454 MHz
Launched: February 5, 1991 aboard a Russian Cosmos C launcher
Status: Non-operational.

Hams reporting to the RS-12/13 Forum from across the US and Europe have stated that they have not been able to hear any beacons from either the RS-12 or RS-13 satellite packages since August 20, 2002.
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Jerry, K50E reports the following:

I recently queried several of my Russian friends and received this response from Oleg, RV3TH, in Nizhni Novgorod:

Yesterday I made a telephone call to my friend from Siberia.

He works in one of the checking centres for satellites. He says:
"Electronical devices of satellite COSMOS2123 (and RS12/13)
perished after superpower protonflashes on the Sun (July/August 2002)"
Control devices and receivers perished first, and then a beacon.
They have hopes to restore the satellite, but it is very small.
Jerry, you can use this information, but it is NON OFFICIAL
information. (above paraphrased by N1JEZ)

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The latest information on RS-12 and RS-13 can be found on the AC5DK
RS-12/13 Satellite Operators page at:
<http://www.qsl.net/ac5dk/rs1213/rs1213.html>

[ANS thanks Kevin Manzer, AC5DK, for RS-12 information]

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RADIO SPORT RS-13

Uplink: 21.260 to 21.300 MHz CW/USB
Downlink: 145.860 to 145.900 MHz CW/USB
Beacon: 145.860 MHz
Robot: 145.908 MHz
Launched: February 5, 1991 aboard a Russian Cosmos C launcher
Status: Non-operational.

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RS-12/13 Satellite Operators page at:
<http://www.qsl.net/ac5dk/rs1213/rs1213.html>

[ANS thanks Kevin Manzer, AC5DK, for this information]

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KITSAT K0-23

Uplink: 145.900 MHz FM (9600-baud FSK)
Downlink: 435.170 MHz FM
Broadcast Callsign: HL01-11
BBS: HL01-12
Launched: August 10, 1992 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou,
French Guiana. Status: Non-operational.

Jim, AA7KC, reports that K0-23's downlink transmitter continues in a
non-operational status.

[ANS thanks Jim Weisenberger, AA7KC, and KyungHee Kim, HL0ENJ,
for K0-23 status information]

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KITSAT K0-25

Uplink: 145.980 MHz FM (9600-baud FSK)
Downlink: 436.500 MHz FM
Broadcast Callsign: HL02-11

BBS: HL02-12
Launched: September 26, 1993 by an Ariane launcher from Kourou,
French Guiana. Status: Non-operational

[ANS thanks Jim Weisenberger, AA7KC, and Andrew, G8TZJ for this information]

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PANSAT PO-34
Uplink/downlink frequency (listed on the PanSat web site) 436.500 MHz
Launched: October 30, 1998 by the Shuttle Discovery. Status: Telemetry
downloads only.

The satellite is not available for general uplink transmissions.

The Naval Postgraduate School developed PanSat. At the time of
launch, PanSat spread-spectrum digital transponders were to
be available to Amateur Radio operators along with software to utilize
this technology.

The satellite is still operating, however, the spread spectrum packet
radio portion never took place. The spacecraft is now beyond it's
initial 2-year mission life, but telemetry records are still being
downloaded.

For more information, visit the official PanSat web site at:
<http://www.sp.nps.navy.mil/pansat/>

PanSat was the featured cover article on the July/August 1999 issue of
the AMSAT-NA Journal (the story written by KD6DRA and N7HPR).

[ANS has no further information]

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UoSAT-12 UO-36
Uplink: 145.960 MHz (9600-baud FSK)
Downlink: 437.025 MHz 437.400 MHz
Broadcast Callsign: U0121-11
BBS: U0121-12
Launched: April 21, 1999 by a Russian launcher from the Baikonur
Cosmodrome. Status: Unknown.

UO-36 carries a number of imaging payloads, digital store-and-forward
communications and mode L/S transponders.

Paul, KB2SHU, tells ANS that UO-36 has not been operational (over
North America) since late July 2001. In addition, Sangat, 9M2SS,
reports he has not copied UO-36 since July 30, 2001.

The VK5HI viewer shareware for UO-36 is available on the AMSAT-NA
web site at the following URL:
<ftp://ftp.amsat.org/amsat/software/win32/display/ccddsp97-119.zip>

Further information on UO-36 is available at: <http://www.sstl.co.uk/>

[ANS thanks Chris G7UPN/ZL2TP0, and the University of Surrey for
UO-36 information]

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S0-42 SAUDISAT-1B
Uplink: to be released
Downlink: 437.075 MHz
Broadcast Callsign: SASAT2-11
BBS: SASAT2-12
Launched: September 26, 2000 aboard a converted Soviet ballistic
missile from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Status: Unknown, ANS has
received no additional information.

When/if operational, SaudiSat-1B will operate as 9600-baud digital store-and-forward systems as well analog FM repeater mode capability. One of two new ham satellites from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia built by the Space Research Institute at the King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology.

Further information is available at:
<http://www.amsat.org/amsat/sats/n7hpr/so42.html>

[ANS thanks Turki Al-Saud for this information]

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SAPPHIRE NO-45

Downlink: 437.095 MHz 1200 baud AX-25 AFSK

Uplink: 145.945 MHz UI Digipeater

Launched: September 30, 2001 aboard an Athena-1 rocket from the Kodiak, Alaska launch complex. Status: Non-operational.

Student built Sapphire was launched through the U.S. Naval Academy Satellite program. Its primary missions are sensor experiments, a camera, and voice synthesizer. For more information, visit the Sapphire web site at:
http://students.cec.wustl.edu/~sapphire/sapphire_overview.html

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